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Thank you for your letter of 17 May 2026, to the New Zealand Police in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). On 25 May 2026 the following part of your request was transferred to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) under section 14(b) of the OIA for response:

"What year did USA, AUST, NZ, RUSSIA, CANADA & the UK become United Nations member countries?"

Response to your request

The information requested can be found publicly on the official United Nations website (<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states>) and is listed below.

Admission dates of requested countries (alphabetical order):

- Australia: 1 November 1945
- Canada: 9 November 1945
- New Zealand: 24 October 1945
- Russian Federation: 24 October 1945
 - The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was an original Member of the United Nations from 24 October 1945.
 - In a letter dated 24 December 1991, Boris Yeltsin, the President of the Russian Federation, informed the Secretary-General that the membership of the Soviet Union in the Security Council and all other United Nations organs was being continued by the Russian Federation with the support of the 11 member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.
- The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: 24 October 1945
- The United States of America: 24 October 1945

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website:

www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade